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**SUMMATIVE (FORMAL) ASSESSMENT: MODULE 7D**

**SOUTH AFRICA**

This is the **summative (formal) assessment for Module 7D** of this course and must be submitted by all candidates who **selected this module as one of their elective modules**.

**The mark awarded for this assessment will determine your final mark for Module 7D**. In order to pass this module, you need to obtain a mark of 50% or more for this assessment.

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**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1 (multiple-choice questions) [10 marks in total]**

Questions 1.1. – 1.10. are multiple-choice questions designed to assess your ability to think critically about the subject. Please read each question carefully before reading the answer options. Be aware that some questions may seem to have more than one right answer, but you are to look for the one that makes the most sense and is the most correct. When you have a clear idea of the question, find your answer and mark your selection on the answer sheet by highlighting the relevant paragraph **in yellow**. Select only **ONE** answer. Candidates who select more than one answer will receive no mark for that specific question.

**Question 1.1**

Choose the **correct statement**:

1. A creditor in whose favour a general notarial bond over immovable property has been registered, may not dispose of the immovable property upon the sequestration of the debtor’s estate.
2. A creditor in whose favour a special notarial bond over immovable property has been registered, may not dispose of the immovable property upon the sequestration of the debtor’s estate.
3. A creditor in whose favour a mortgage bond over movable property has been registered, may not dispose of the immovable property upon the sequestration of the debtor’s estate.
4. A creditor in whose favour a mortgage bond over immovable property has been registered, may not dispose of the immovable property upon the sequestration of the debtor’s estate.

**Question 1.2**

Choose the **correct statement** in relation to impeachable dispositions and the powers of the business rescue practitioner to have dispositions sets aside –

1. A disposition not for value made by the company prior to being placed under business rescue may be set aside in terms of the provisions of section 26 of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936.
2. A disposition preferring one creditor above another made by the company prior to being placed under business may be set aside in terms of the provisions of section 29 of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936.
3. A disposition with the intention to prefer one creditor above another made by the company prior to being placed under business may be set aside in terms of section 30 of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936.
4. None of the above are correct.

**Question 1.3**

A liquidator of a company may exercise the following power/s **without the consent** of the Master of the High Court:

1. Terminating a lease agreement prior to the general meeting.
2. Selling any movable property of the company prior to the general meeting.
3. Instituting legal proceedings.
4. Selling any immovable property of the company prior to the general meeting.

**Question 1.4**

1. In terms of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936, a debtor whose estate has been sequestrated may enter into any type of agreement, as long as prior consent of the trustee is obtained.
2. In terms of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936, a debtor whose estate has been sequestrated may enter into an agreement to alienate property, as long as prior consent of the trustee is obtained.
3. In terms of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936, a debtor whose estate has been sequestrated requires the assistance of the trustee in order to institute legal proceedings relating to an injury sustained in a motor vehicle accident.
4. In terms of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936, a debtor whose estate has been sequestrated may be employed as an electrician without the trustee’s permission in this regard.

Choose the **correct statement**:

1. Option (i) is correct.
2. Options (ii) and (iii) are correct.
3. Option (iii) is correct.
4. Options (ii) and (iv) are correct.

**Question 1.5**

In January 2020 Company A was placed under liquidation. The liquidator of Company A became aware of the fact that Company A disposed of property worth ZAR 10 000 to Company B for an amount of ZAR 5 000 during September 2019. Directly after the disposition, Company A’s liabilities exceeded its assets by ZAR 6 000. If the disposition is **set aside** –

1. Company B will be required to return ZAR 10 000 to the liquidator of Company A.
2. Company B will be required to return ZAR 5 000 to the liquidator of Company A.
3. Company B will be required to return ZAR 6 000 to the liquidator of Company A.
4. Company B will be required to return ZAR 4 000 to the liquidator of Company A.

**Question 1.6**

With reference to question 1.5 above, what does Company B have to prove in order to ensure that the disposition is **not** set aside?

1. That immediately after the disposition the liabilities of Company A exceeded its assets.
2. That a disposition was made by the Company A within six months prior to liquidation.
3. That the effect of the disposition is that one creditor was preferred above another.
4. That the disposition was made by the Company A with the intention of preferring one creditor above another.

**Question 1.7**

Indicate the correct order of preference of the following costs / claims in the free residue account:

1. Costs of sequestration; funeral expenses; income tax; claims secured by a general bond; and lastly employee claims.
2. Funeral expenses; employee’s claims; costs of sequestration; income tax; and lastly claims secured by a general bond.
3. Funeral expenses; costs of sequestration; employee’s claims; income tax; and lastly claims secured by a general bond.
4. Employee claims; funeral expenses; costs of sequestration; income tax; and lastly claims secured by a general bond.

**Question 1.8**

Company A wishes to obtain funding in order to expand its cinema and other related businesses. As part of the security package negotiated with the lender, the lender requires Company A to provide its IMAX 3D cinema screens to it as security. Company A makes use of these screens at the cine-complexes at various shopping malls. This form of security is a –

1. Pledge.
2. Hypothec.
3. Special notarial bond.
4. Cession in security of a debt (*in securitatem debiti*).

**Question 1.9**

Which of the following is **correct** in relation to business rescue:

1. The Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission plays an active role throughout the business rescue process.
2. Business rescue requires a reasonable possibility of restoring the company in question to a solvent basis.
3. Immediate inability to pay debts is a prerequisite for placing a company under business rescue.
4. A company may be placed under voluntary business rescue by the shareholders of the company in terms of a resolution if the company is in financial distress.

Choose the **correct statement**:

1. Options (i) and (ii) are correct.
2. Options (ii) and (iii) are correct.
3. Options (i) and (iii) are correct.
4. None of the options are correct.

**Question 1.10**

Which of the following is / are **incorrect** in relation to the recognition of foreign judgments:

1. All foreign judgments are enforced in terms of the Enforcement of Foreign Civil Judgments Act 32 of 1988.
2. All foreign judgments are enforced in terms of the common law.
3. Foreign judgments are directly enforceable in South Africa.
4. All of the above.

**QUESTION 2 (direct questions) [10 marks in total]**

**Question 2.1 [maximum 6 marks]**

Which common law requirements need to be met in order for the cause of action established by a foreign judgment to be enforced?

[Type answer here]

Question 2.2 [maximum 4 marks]

In accordance with the South African common law dealing with cross-border insolvency, how are the **assets of an insolvent governed**? (Briefly refer to the position applicable to both movable and immovable property.)

[Type answer here]

**QUESTION 3 (essay-type question) [15 marks]**

**Question 3.1 [maximum 5 marks]**

Ms X and Lots-of-Cash Limited entered into a lease agreement in terms whereof Lots-of-Cash Limited rents an office from Ms X who is the owner of the office block where the office is situated. After Lots-of-Cash Limited has rented from Ms X for over a year, it experiences financial difficulties and is placed in liquidation. Ms X is of the opinion that Lots-of-Cash Limited had been a very good tenant that paid its rent timeously up until a few months prior to the liquidation, and she is concerned about the effect of the liquidation of Lots-of-Cash Limited on their lease agreement. Advise Ms X in this regard.

[Type answer here]

**Question 3.2 [maximum 10 marks]**

Ms A is a store clerk at a local supermarket. She earns a gross income of ZAR 15 000 per month. In 2020 she borrowed ZAR 800 000 from ABC Bank (Pty) Ltd (the bank) in order to purchase an apartment in Johannesburg. In order to secure the repayment of the debt, the bank registered a mortgage bond over the apartment. In 2021 the local municipality failed to service the sewerage facilities in the suburb where the apartment is located, which resulted in severe damage to the entire plumbing and drainage system of the apartment complex. Subsequently the value of the apartment decreased to ZAR 500 000.

During 2022 Ms A bought a small motor vehicle from Harry’s Cars and Motorbikes for a purchase price of ZAR 80 000. In terms of the instalment sale agreement entered into between the parties, Ms A’s monthly repayment for the vehicle is ZAR 5 000. While Ms A’s motor vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the supermarket where she works, a hail storm hit the area and her vehicle was severely damaged. As a result, the value of her motor vehicle decreased to ZAR 50 000.

At present, Ms A is experiencing difficulties in repaying her debts. She has to make the following monthly payments:

Municipal rates and taxes ZAR 1 500

Cell phone ZAR 1 000

Insurance ZAR 750

Groceries ZAR 4 000

Harry’s Cars and Motorbikes ZAR 5 000

Home loan ZAR 6 500

**TOTAL ZAR 18 750**

Ms A still owes the bank ZAR 650 000 in terms of her home loan agreement and she still owes ZAR 55 000 to Harry’s Cars and Motorbikes in respect of the motor vehicle. At present Ms A owes her creditors approximately ZAR 700 000 in total. Ms A cannot afford to pay her creditors the amounts that she owes them. Mr B, the manager of the bank, has also contacted Ms A on a few occasions to enquire as to the outstanding payments in relation to her home loan.

Identify Ms A’s financial status and explain to her what measures she can consider taking in order to manage or resolve her financial problems, as well as what legal requirements will be required of her to succeed in this regard. Further also explain what measures are available to the bank in an attempt to secure payment of the amount due to them by Ms A, given her financial circumstances.

[Type answer here]

**QUESTION 4 (fact-based application-type question) [15 marks]**

The directors of EXXO Limited (the company) foresee the reasonable likelihood that the company will, within the next six months, be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the ordinary course of business, and will most likely reach a situation where its liabilities exceed its assets. The directors therefore elect to initiate business rescue proceedings and adopt the relevant board resolution, which is subsequently filed with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC). Mr X is appointed as the company’s business rescue practitioner. Various parties are affected by the company’s decision. The following parties approach you as a collective seeking legal advice:

1. Mr A, a successful businessman, lent the company ZAR 850 000 which the company failed to repay. He initiated proceedings against the company in the High Court to reclaim his money, and at the time that the company was placed under business rescue proceedings, the court proceedings were almost finalised. Mr A is unsure as to the effect of business rescue on the money owed to him.
2. Ms B has worked for the company for the last five years and she is concerned about the effect that business rescue will have on her employment contract.
3. Mr M leases office space to the company and he is concerned about the effect of the business rescue proceedings on the lease agreement with the company.
4. Ms T is a shareholder of the company and is unsure whether she will lose her shareholding now that the company has been placed under business rescue.
5. Mr H is a director of the company and is unsure as to his position and role now that business rescue proceedings have commenced.

Write a single legal memorandum to all the above-mentioned persons wherein you explain their legal rights, and / or the potential outcome of their respective situations, taking into consideration the business rescue. The memorandum should further make mention of any potential remedies at their disposal; any practical implications of their respective situations; and also include any considerations in respect of the business rescue plan that the practitioner needs to take cognisance of.

[Type answer here]

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